Women officers commissioned

2735. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Wttl the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many women officers have been commissioned into the Army, Air Force and Navy (excluding those in the medical and nursing) in each year ever since they were allowed entry;

(b) whether Government are considering taking women officers through NDA, IMA and similar academies;

(c) whether Government are also considering taking women in other ranks; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) The followings are the year-wise induction of Women Officers into Army, Air Force and Navy (excluding those in Medical Corps and Nursing Service).

Year	ARMY	NAVY	AIR FORCE
1992	—	22	—
1993	50	13	55
1994	49	14	61
1995	47	10	51
19%	51	12	69
1997	55	10	56
1998	84	19	56
1999	87	31	36
2000	110	02	45

At present, there is no proposal for inducting women officers through NDA/IMA. There is also no proposal to recruit womoa in other ranks in the Armed Forces, owing to difficult service coadHwai and lack of other facilities in field units.